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6 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 6 August 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Herter, Mr. McCone, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith,
Mr. Sprague, Mr. Melbourne

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NSC review(s) completed.

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3. Operation [REDACTED]

The AEC proposal to announce Operation [REDACTED] at 25X6 this time was not approved. The Board felt that this was particularly bad timing for such an announcement and decided to wait until after the Geneva Atoms for Peace Conference in late August. As a part of this discussion, Mr. Herter spoke of a position paper on the whole matter of nuclear testing prepared by State which will soon be circulated to the other agencies. In this general connection Mr. McCone spoke of some of the testing which AEC has been doing and made particular reference to

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4. Suez Canal

Mr. Smith referred to some information which had come to him to the effect that contracts were being let for the construction of a second Suez Canal to run parallel to the existing canal. Apparently no details were known.

5. Israeli Scientists

Mr. Herter said that in a discussion with the Israeli Ambassador and the Israeli Defense Minister, the Defense Minister had said that there are about 1,000 scientists in Israel who are virtually unoccupied. The Minister of Defense cited this as a regrettable waste of scientific talents and said that he has some ideas as to ways in which they may be used.

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6. Arab Refugees

Although there was no discussion of this as an agenda item, Mr. Herter spoke of a cable from Jordan on the subject of Arab Refugees in Jordan. The cable outlines the increased difficulties with the refugees by reason of the fact that supplies for them are very difficult to obtain since the closedown of the Syrian border.

7. Defense Department Inflatable Satellite Project

Mr. Sprague informed the Board that Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (NACA) had proposed to make a public announcement of plans to launch an inflatable satellite early next year. The Board agreed that no announcement of this project should be made at this time.

8. U.S. Policy on Information About Nuclear Weapons

With regard to the Defense Department's wish to get an expansion on existing policy covering the release of information on the presence of nuclear weapons in other countries, Murray Snyder is going to provide some suggestions to the OCB working group which will be asked to consider the Defense Department proposal.

9. U.S. Policy on Outer Space

Mr. Gray said that, in as much as it was certain that the NSC would approve the Policy Paper on Outer Space, the agencies involved should move ahead at least with their planning with respect to providing advice and equipment to friendly nations. Mr. Gray cited specifically the UK. The DCI suggested that we might also include other areas which would be important, as is Asia, and suggested the possibility that Japan might be given early advice and assistance in this field. Mr. Herter referred to the need for getting qualified technical people to produce some planning in this respect. (It was noted that no existing OCB Committee appears qualified for this, and it will probably be necessary to set up an ad hoc committee for this purpose.)

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11. IAC Consideration of Exchanges of Scientific Equipment

The DCI informed the Board that he was having this matter included in the agenda for the next IAC meeting at which the IAC would be asked to review matters involving exchanges of scientific equipment with Communist bloc countries, in accordance with the minute of the OCB meeting of 30 July 1958. The DCI did not ask for any change in the wording of that minute, and the Board approved the minutes.


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Director

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